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## COE Hosts STEM Conference

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual Georgia Scholarship of STEM  
Teaching and Learning Conference, Friday, March 9

How to best advance teaching and learning in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) across Georgia is the focus of a one-day conference Friday, March 9, at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The conference, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Georgia Scholarship of STEM Teaching and Learning, is hosted by COE and the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology and supported by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

The conference complements the University System of Georgia's STEM Initiative whose goals include: promoting K-12 student preparation for and interest in majoring in STEM fields in college; increasing the success of STEM majors in college; and producing more and better science and mathematics teachers for K-12 schools, which in turn will lead to increased preparation of students in science and mathematics.

"Education in science, technology, engineering and math, from the youngest grades to postdoctoral scholarship, is not just a priority in Georgia, but nation-wide, said Dr. Thomas Koballa, Dean of Georgia Southern College of Education. "This conference is one example of how Georgia is working hard to advance STEM teaching and learning across the state," he said. "We're showcasing the innovative STEM work that's happening in our state and giving educators a chance to exchange and share experiences," Koballa continued.

The target audience for the conference is STEM faculty and graduate students from all University System of Georgia colleges and universities as well as private higher education institutions within the state. Faculty and graduate students from within arts and sciences schools and departments as well as education faculty are encouraged to participate.